

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 348
3rd Reading Copy

Requested by Representative Sue Malek

For the House State Administration Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 6 through line 10.

Strike: the first "EACH" on line 6 through "LEGISLATION" on line 10

Insert: "ANNUAL SESSIONS LIMITED TO 90 DAYS IN ANY 2-YEAR PERIOD; DESIGNATING ONE SESSION OF THE BIENNIUM AS A BUDGET SESSION AND ONE SESSION OF THE BIENNIUM A GENERAL SESSION; LIMITING THE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE MATTERS"

2. Page 1, line 15 through page 2, line 9.

Strike: everything after the enacting clause

Insert: "Section 1. Article V, section 6, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 6. Sessions. (1) The legislature shall meet each odd-numbered year in regular session of in annual sessions limited to not more than 90 legislative days in any 2-year period, except when called into special session. Any legislature may increase the limit on the length of any subsequent session.

(2) (a) One session of the biennium shall be a budget session and shall begin on the date established by law.

(b) Only a bill to increase or decrease an appropriation or to increase or decrease revenue may be introduced during a budget session unless introduction of another bill is approved by two-thirds vote of either house.

(3) One session of the biennium must be primarily for consideration of general bills and any necessary budget reconciliation and shall begin on the date established by law.

(4) The legislature may be convened in special sessions by the governor or at the by written request of a majority of the members."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date -- applicability. If approved by the electorate, this amendment is effective January 1, 2011, and applies to sessions of the legislature beginning after December 31, 2012."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 3. {standard} Submission to electorate. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2010 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

[] FOR annual legislative sessions limited to 90 days in

any 2-year period, with one session addressing the budget and one session addressing general bills.

- [] AGAINST annual legislative sessions limited to 90 days in any 2-year period, with one session addressing the budget and one session addressing general bills."

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